

WASHINGTON



PARISH

“...the health of a community is a shared responsibility of many entities, organizations and interests in the community, including health services delivery organizations, public health agencies, other public and private entities and the people of a community.”

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Washington Parish

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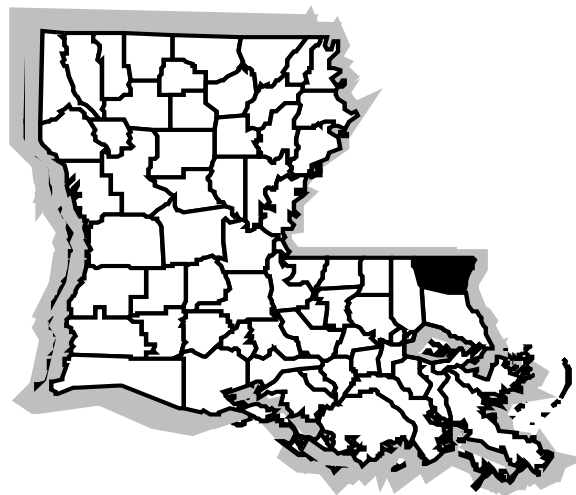
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History¹

Washington Parish, organized on March 6, 1819, was named after the country's first president. At one time, this Florida parish had one of the finest forests of long-leaf yellow pine in the world. Much has been cut and has been reforested for a perpetual supply.

Culture and Recreation³

Historic Mile Branch Settlement in Franklinton, Indian and Pioneer Museums of Cassidy park in Bogalusa, the beautiful Bogue Chitto and Pearl Rivers, flora and fauna farms, specialty restaurants, Mardi Gras, Dogwood Tour, Watermelon Festival, 4th of July celebration, Festival in the Park (Spring and Fall), Washington Parish Free Fair, Mile Branch Pioneer Christmas and lighted Christmas in the Park ... these and more are guaranteed to attract you to the laid-back life in this rural parish.



Parish Seat¹ Franklinton¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

Bogalusa	
1990	14,280
1997 (estimate)	14,506

Parish Population²

1990	43,185
1997 (estimate)	43,736

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White	67%
African American	33%
Other	0%
Male	48%
Female	52%
Population age 0-4	7%
Populations age 65 & over	15%

Geography and Statistics²

Average elevation	129 ft.
Land area in square miles	669.6



Water area in square miles⁴ 6.4

Climate²

Average temperatures

Annual 66.4°

January 48.3°

July 81.8°

Annual average rainfall 61.7 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

Civilian 17,200

Employed 15,680

Unemployed 1,520

Unemployment 8.8%

Agriculture¹

Forestry

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute)

Southeastern Louisiana University,
Hammond

Public Libraries⁵ 8

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Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	3.7%
High school graduate or higher	61.5%
Some college or higher	23.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	8.6%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²

Private Employers	
Gaylord Container Corporation (Corrugated Containers)	980
Bogalusa Community Medical Center (Medical)	325
J.H. Rutter Rex Manufacturing Co. (Clothing)	200
Public Employers	
Washington Parish School Board (Education)	675
Bogalusa School System (Education)	501
Washington Correctional Institute (Government)	375

Poverty and Income

Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	28.5%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	41.4%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$16,250

**Region 1**

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermilion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Vernon
Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington